

Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force

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Meeting includes two areas

- Water facilities and associated policies:
 - Advisory on BDCP NOP for EIR/S-action tomorrow:
 - ✓ Vision adopted in November 2007 included recommendations for decision making re new conveyance and storage
 - ✓ Advisory comments build on those recommendations
 - June meeting will include recommendations re conveyance and storage – related issues
- Preparation for first staff draft of strategic plan:
 - Updates on work groups
 - Emerging conflicts and themes

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Advisory on BDCP NOP for EIR/S

- NOP issued March 17, 2008 (distributed to TF at April meeting and copies provided today)
- TF adopted vision included Recommendation 8, speaking to new facilities and conveyance, and near term action recommendation 7 re improvements in current systems
- TF directed staff to draft advisory comments on NOP
- Comment period for scoping ends May 30
- Discuss draft today and act tomorrow
- Anticipated TF action on conveyance and storage in June involves similar issues

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Adopted vision recommendation re conveyance

- Immediate improvements to current systems
- Assessment of dual conveyance as preferred direction with these performance standards:
 - Water supply reliability
 - Seismic and flood durability
 - Water quality
 - Projected schedule, cost and funding

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Context of policy making on water delivery systems

- DV BRTF vision adopted November 2007
- Governor's letter to senators (2.28.08) directs DWR to initiate NEPA/CEQA processes for at least;
 - No new Delta conveyance facility
 - Dual conveyance facilities
 - Isolated facility
 - "Armoring"/improved through Delta facility
- NOP issued – EIR/S for BDCP
- Task Force received assessments from CALFED and DWR in April

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What recommendations from Task Force re water system facilities?

- Formal decision processes underway
- TF can focus on how values of its vision and its recommended performance standards are included in decision processes
- Possible examples:
 - Attention to two co-equal goals – eco and water
 - Roles of storage, conservation, efficiencies
 - Water quality
 - How are operational considerations addressed?
 - Resilience (e.g., to flood and seismic risks; regional self-sufficiency)
 - Who is involved in what ways?

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Building toward first staff draft strategic plan (June)

- Contributions to first staff draft of strategic plan:
 - Substantive reports from work groups at this meeting; final work will provide important elements to SP
 - Documents and testimony presented to TF since March 2007 being indexed, organized and synthesized
 - Additional work underway by consultants
 - Responses to questions to agencies and departments
 - Submissions in response to invitation to participate
- First draft will provide a starting point for work through October, when TF recommends its strategic plan

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Highlights of meeting agenda

- Legislative and legal updates
- Science program work update
- Discussion of NOP for BDCP EIR/S
- Estuarine ecosystem
- Reliable water for California
- Water quality conflicts
- Wetter period diversion theme
- Delta as place
- Governance and strategic finance
- Action items

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Action items Thursday

- Advisory on BDCP NOP for EIR/S
- Any questions to direct to departments, agencies or others
- Any requests for information
- Guidance re work to support strategic plan
- Guidance re information to support June recommendations re water conveyance facilities
- Any additional direction to staff

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